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Two new Neighborhood Watch groups formed in the Foothills Area Command:

Thanks to Paul D. for organizing and stepping forward to serve as the point of contact (Block Captain) for the 11600-11700 block of Pocono SE Neighborhood Watch group in the Juan Tabo Hills neighborhood. The entire street of Pocono SE is almost covered with active Neighborhood Watches – the only section left without a Neighborhood Watch group is the portion of Pocono from Timonium to Juan Tabo. If you would like a starter kit to form this last needed Neighborhood Watch on that section of Pocono SE, call me at 768-2220 to help you get the ball rolling. Special thanks also go out to Jay S. for talking about Neighborhood Watches at the facilitation meeting and how they can help neighborhoods prevent crime and foster unity among neighbors and APD.

Thanks to Linda K. and all who attended last night's packed Neighborhood Watch facilitation meeting at the Greenbriar Co-Op community. Linda K. did a great job of organizing and also stepped forward to serve as the overall point of contact (Block Captain) for Greenbriar and when I left the meeting last night, 14 of 16 buildings had points of contact (Building Captains) and a few more were interested in serving as points of contacts for those last remaining buildings. This watch group was formed in 2012 and was active for many years and then slipped into inactivity. It was very gratifying to help the community re-engage and get their Neighborhood Watch group rolling again. Thanks to everyone who participated at the meeting last night and pulled it all together.

No Posts Here Since 2/14: To those who called the Foothills Substation and were concerned about not seeing a daily post from me, my apologies. I had a very sudden, unexpected death of a parent and had to leave my office immediately and took time off to handle this loss. I have returned to the office and am doing my best to tackle the overload at my desk, emails, phone messages, etc. With one Crime Prevention Specialist per Area Command, if I'm out, it's hard to have continuity. While I was out a staffer was taken to the hospital and another one had a family crisis with one of her elderly parents that prevented her from being a work during the same time, which left one person to try to hold down the fort. We do the best we can, but with limited numbers of staff, it may not appear to be 'seamless' at all times. Bear with us, and remember that we are doing our best and we try our hardest to serve our community. The daily posts should be back on schedule from this point on and if you need to track crime, the www.crimemapping.com public access web site is also available with up to four weeks prior history and as recent as the prior 24 hours where you can get the same information.

Property Crimes in the Foothills Area Command February 26, 2019

1 “Warm Up” Auto Theft: 1100-block of Mary Ellen St NE.

3 Commercial Burglaries: 11700-block of Central Ave NE, 11300-block of Lomas Blvd NE, 11000-block of Central Ave SE, 12900-block of Central Ave NE.

1 Residential Burglary: 11300-block of Campo Del Sol Ave NE.

7 Auto Burglaries:

10800-block of Fort Point Ln NE: Stole garage door opener and gate opener, work badge left in unoccupied vehicle.

12900-block of El Vado Ave NE: Broke window to steal birth certificates (2) left in unoccupied vehicle.

12800-block of Indian School Rd NE: Items stolen, not detailed at time of research.

4500-block of Morris St NE: Stole IDs, paperwork, bank statement, registration and insurance documents, keys and keys to mailbox from unoccupied vehicle. No signs of forced entry.

1700-block of Singletary Dr NE: Broke window to gain access, no further information at this time.

Report taken at substation, no address where incident occurred, no idea when incident occurred, no idea how offenders made entry.

2 vehicles at the Piedra Lisa Canyon Trailhead (2600-block of Camino De La Sierra NE): Passer-by reported two vehicles appeared to be burglarized and both had broken windows. One laptop left in unoccupied vehicle reported stolen so far; APD waiting for other victim to file a police report.

Please do not host strangers into your home to eat if they appear to be homeless. The city and many wonderful non-profit organizations are available to help those who may be homeless, who feed the homeless and provide the homeless with an array of services. One of our incidents listed above reported by the victim was due to this type of well-meaning act of caring. It is your choice on how you want to help the homeless population, but please exercise your best judgement on who you permit inside your home. It is wonderful to be caring to those around us who are in need, but we also have dedicated people at many organizations who have access to a vast array of care and services for our homeless citizens.

Be safe! Jill Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist / ICPS NCPS – APD, Foothills Area Command